

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten paragraph:

A method and system of selling healthcare services to a patient. A number of healthcare service providers are contracted and registered with a healthcare marketplace operator. Information regarding the healthcare service providers is stored in a database. A **prospective** patient is provided with a case statement template having one or more areas to specify clinical and non-clinical requirements ~~of the patient~~. The patient uses the template to provide case statement information to the marketplace operator. ~~In many instances, the case statement template is completed with the assistance of the patient's primary physician.~~ The case statement information is received and ~~processed by the marketplace operator.~~ ~~The~~ ~~the~~ marketplace operator generates a case statement from the case statement information. ~~and the~~ ~~The~~ case statement is made available ~~or distributed transmitted~~ to contracting healthcare providers. ~~In general, the~~ ~~The~~ healthcare providers can set a number of screening factors to filter the case statements they receive, so that they receive case statements related to the type of medical procedures the healthcare service providers wish to perform. Interested healthcare providers then prepare proposals ~~or responses~~ to the patient's case statement. The responses received ~~from~~ ~~form~~ the healthcare service providers are then delivered to the **prospective** patient. The **prospective** patient then reviews the responses from the healthcare providers. ~~The responses may include clinical quality indicators such as mortality rate, physician licensing, physician and medical staff experience, malpractice claims, available medical equipment, and other relevant information.~~ The patient ~~may secure the services of one of the contracting service providers by submitting a deposit.~~